

¶ Heir followis ane proclamation

That the Lordis of Secrett Counsell made the xxvj. day of Junij. 1567.

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Forthwith as the Lordis of Secrett counsell and others of the Nobilitie, Bar-
rons and faithfull subiectis of this Realme, persuing the miserabill estate of the
common weill how the King, the Queenis Maiesties last husband was horrible
and shamefull murderit, as treyall takin thair of nor punishment execute on the
authoris, howbeit thay war knawin weill aneuch in the sycht of men, his hienes
awin persoun tressonablie causit, and thairfor fornit with the Erie Bothwell
principall authoure of the said cruell murder in mariage, althocht maist ungodly
baith aganis the Law of God and man, continueing still in thraldome and bon-
dage vnder the yok of that p. etendit and unlesfull mariage. ¶ Thairfor thay have
takin on armis to punis the authour of the said cruell murder and reuillar, to
preserue the persoun of the innocent infant, native Prince of this Realme fra the
bludy crueltie of him that slew his father, and to restoir and establishe Justice a-
bussit in this corrupt tyme to all the leigis of this Realme. And being on the feildis
reddy to gif battell to the said Erie and his pertakers efter that he had cowardly
refusit singulair combat baith of ane Barron and gentilman vndesamit, and of a
Lord and Barron of Parliament, to quihis baith he had befor offerit him self
be his Cartell and proclamatioun, the place being maist meet and couenient betwix
the two companyis, at last he fled and eschapt, takand the ignomynie on him de-
vnto the vincust be the Law of armis, and nottheles now thinkis to perswade a
entyle simple and Ignorant men to assist him in his defence vnpunisht for the mur-
thoure crueltie, and others wickit enormiteis comittit be him, quihis wickit
awin persoun he durst not awot and defend, of the quih murder nom be trey-
trayll taine he is fund not only to have bene the inuentour and deuplar, bot the
executour with his awin handis, as his awin seruandis being in company with
him at that unwarthy deid hes testifit. Thairfor the Lordis of Secrett counsell
ordanis ane Herald or other Officiar of armis, to pas to the moste Citie of the
Burgh of Edinburgh, and all others places wherfull within this Realme, and thair
be oppin proclamatioun to mak publicatioun heicof, to all our Soueranis leigis
that name pretend Ignorance of the samin, and to command and charge all the said
leigis of quhat estate or degre that ever thay be of, that name of shame tak vpon
hand to restit or supplie the said Erie in thair housis or ither wayis, to support him
with men, armour, hors, shippis, boittis, or ither furnessing quhatsumever be
or land, vnder the paine to be repuite, holdin and esteemit as plaine pertakers with
him in the said horribill murder, rauding and others wickit crymes and enormi-
teis comittit be him, and to be persewit thairfor as common trespas of the
common weill. And for quha sauer will tak the said Erie and bring him to the
Burgh of Edinburgh to be punis be Justice for his demeritis, sall haue for thair
reward ane thousand Crownis of the Sone.

¶ Imprentit at Edinburgh be

Robert Lekyent. Anno dno. 1567.

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